

# Voices

A NEWSLETTER FROM THE CARRIE CHAPMAN CATT CENTER FOR WOMEN AND POLITICS

## NPR's Michele Norris is Mary Louise Smith Chair

Michele Norris, an award-winning journalist and co-host of National Public Radio's "All Things Considered," will speak at Iowa State University on Friday, March 6, serving as both the keynote speaker at the 10th annual Iowa State Conference on Race and Ethnicity (ISCORE) and the Carrie Chapman Catt Center's Spring 2009 Mary Louise Smith Chair.

Norris will deliver a free, public talk that day titled "Race, Gender and the Future of Leadership in America," at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall of the Memorial Union.

"Discussions have been underway for several months with ISCORE committee members to bring in a joint speaker who addresses both of our interests, looking at issues of race and gender in America



Michele Norris

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## Ready to Run™ Iowa Confirms Speakers, Supporters

Ready to Run™ Iowa—a comprehensive, bi-partisan campaign training school that will meet Friday, April 3, at Iowa State University—has confirmed several sponsors and speakers.

Mediacom Communications Corporation is a gold level sponsor of the program with its recent gift of \$5,000, which will be used to help subsidize registration fees to reach as broad an audience as possible.

Speakers confirmed for the program include Arnie Arnesen, a longtime elected official, community activist and media commentator in New Hampshire; Liz Chadderon, president of a campaign training consulting firm in Washington, DC; and several Iowa political leaders, party officials and campaign strategists.

The Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics is presenting the one-day program in partnership with the League of Women Voters of Ames and Center for American Women and Politics (CAWP) at Rutgers University.

"Although Ready to Run™ Iowa addresses topics unique to women as they seek greater participation in the political process, the campaign school is open to anyone who is interested in running for elected office, serving on public boards and commissions, and/or working on a political campaign," said Dianne Bystrom, Catt Center director. "The generous gift of

Mediacom will allow us to reach a broad audience of participants by keeping our registration fee below our actual costs and, with additional private support, provide for scholarships."

Ready to Run™ Iowa is part of the national Ready to Run Campaign Training for Women™ program initiated by CAWP in 1998 to recruit and train women to run for all levels of office. More than 25% of the almost 1,000 women who have attended Ready to Run™ New Jersey have run for office and 70% of those have won their elections. When Ready to Run™ started in 1998, New Jersey ranked in the bottom third of all states in the proportion of women in its legislature. New Jersey now ranks 12<sup>th</sup>.

"We hope to have the same impact on the state of Iowa by offering Ready to Run™ every other year," Bystrom said. "Of the 45 women who attended the 2007 Ready to Run™ Iowa, six—three Democrats and three Republicans—ran for the state legislature in 2008 and one was elected. Other Ready to Run™ participants reported running for local office, including mayor; applying to serve on local, county and state boards and commissions; and becoming more involved with a political party or campaign."

With 34 female legislators, Iowa ranks 28<sup>th</sup> among the states in the proportion of women in its legislature. Women's

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representation in the Iowa legislature—at 22.7%—is below the current national average of 24.3%. Iowa has never elected a woman as governor and is one of only four states never to have elected a woman to the U.S. Congress.

“Knowing that there is a considerable gap in electing women to both local and state offices, we are pleased to be a gold sponsor and investor in the Catt’s Center’s Ready to Run™ campaign training school,” said Mike Kohler, vice president of public affairs for Mediacom. “We look forward to the success of this Catt Center initiative.”

Plenary session speakers confirmed for the program are:

**Arnie Arnesen**—A member of the New Hampshire House of Representatives from 1984-1992, she ran for the U.S. Congress in 1996 and governor in 1992. In addition, she is an award-winning talk radio host and frequent speaker for leadership programs, campaign training schools, and universities on politics, gender and risk. Her opening keynote address is designed to inspire workshop participants to get more involved in politics.

**Liz Chadderon**—The president of The Chadderon Group, a direct mail and campaign training consulting firm in Washington, DC. She has been a guest on CNN American Morning, Larry King Live, the Glenn Beck Show, and the O’Reilly Factor and Hannity and Colmes on Fox News. She was named a political “Rising Star” by Campaigns & Elections magazine in 2005. She will discuss message development and media relations.

**Nicole Schlinger**—The owner of Capital Resources Inc., which raises money for political candidates and manages events. She will lead the session on “Fundraising for Success.”

Panelists confirmed for the program are:

Iowa State Representatives Renee Schulte, who attended the 2007 Ready to Run™ Iowa program prior to her successful 2008 campaign for the state legislature; Beth Wessel-Kroeschell, the sponsor of a bill to promote gender balance on local and county boards and commissions; and Linda Upmeyer, assistant minority leader.

Iowa City Mayor Regenia Bailey.

Political party activists MaryAnn Spicer, Polk County Republican Women; Diane Crookham Johnson, PURSE PAC, a new fund-raising organization for Republi-

can women; and former Lt. Gov. Jo Ann Zimmerman, representing the Democratic Activist Women’s Network.

“Invitations are out to several other speakers for the program,” Bystrom said. The speakers will be posted on the Catt Center’s web site as they are confirmed.

Efforts are continuing to raise additional private funds to support the program to keep the tuition affordable and provide for scholarships for travel and registration stipends. Besides Mediacom, other sponsors are the Ames League of Women Voters (\$1,000 bronze level) and Betty Baird and Ken Cameron of Ames (\$500 donor level).

## To register for Ready to Run™ Iowa:

You can register on-line by credit card through this link on the Catt Center web site:  
<http://www.las.iastate.edu/events/readytorunform.asp>

Or, you can download a registration form to complete and mail to the Catt Center through this link on the Catt Center’s web site:  
<http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/runform.shtml>

Or, you can request that a registration form be mailed to you by contacting the Catt Center at 515-294-3181 or [cattcntr@iastate.edu](mailto:cattcntr@iastate.edu)

Registration is \$75 per person if received on-line or postmarked by March 21. Registration is \$100 per person after March 21. The fee includes all sessions and training materials; breakfast, lunch and afternoon refreshments; a workshop notebook; and a comprehensive campaign training manual on a CD.

You can apply for a scholarship for tuition and/or travel by completing that section on the registration form.

## To become a sponsor of Ready to Run™ Iowa:

You can donate by credit card to become a sponsor of Ready to Run™ Iowa through the following link to the Iowa State University Foundation:

[www.foundation.iastate.edu/ready\\_to\\_run](http://www.foundation.iastate.edu/ready_to_run)

Your sponsorship support will allow us to offer affordable tuition (below our actual costs) and provide scholarships to participants for travel and registration fees. With your support, we hope to encourage more women to become involved in Iowa politics and help Iowans prepare to run for office.

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following the historic presidential election,” said Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, which hosts the Mary Louise Smith Chair. “We believe we have a great speaker in Michele Norris, who can address both issues.

“Certainly during the campaign, she not only provided political commentary on NPR, but she also was interviewed herself by other media outlets on issues of race and gender,” she said. “We have asked her to take a more forward-looking approach, using the election as a springboard to discuss race and gender in the United States.”

Norris began co-hosting “All Things Considered” — public radio’s longest-running national program — with Robert Siegel and Melissa Block on December 9, 2002.

Prior to NPR, Norris was a correspondent for ABC News from 1993-2002. As a contributing correspondent for the “Closer Look” segments on “World News Tonight with Peter Jennings,” she reported extensively on education, inner city issues, the nation’s drug problem, and poverty.

She has also reported for the Washington Post, Chicago Tribune, and Los Angeles Times. Her Washington Post series about a six-year-old who lived in a crack house was reprinted in the book “Ourselves Among Others,” along with essays by Václav Havel, Nelson Mandela, Annie Dillard, and Gabriel García Márquez.

A four-time Pulitzer Prize entrant, Norris has received several awards for her work, including the National Association of Black Journalists’ 2006 Salute to Excellence Award, for her coverage of Hurricane Katrina; the University of Minnesota’s Outstanding Achievement Award; and the 1990

Livingston Award. In 2007, she was honored with Ebony Magazine’s eighth Annual Outstanding Women in Marketing & Communications Award. She also earned both an Emmy Award and a Peabody Award for her contribution to ABC News’ coverage of 9/11. She serves on the judging committee for both the John Chancellor Award for Excellence in Journalism and the Livingston Awards.

Norris is the 19th prominent woman leader to visit Iowa State under sponsorship of the Mary Louise Smith Chair in Women and Politics, which was established in 1995 to honor the Iowa native and longtime political leader. Smith was the only woman to chair the Republican National Party (1974-1977).

Additional information on the Mary Louise Smith Chair in Women in Politics, including a complete list of the past speakers, is available at: <http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/smithchair.shtml>.

ISCORE (<http://www.iscore.iastate.edu/>) is an annual forum at Iowa State that’s modeled after the National Conference on Race and Ethnicity in Higher Education (NCORE) — the leading national forum on the topic. The NCORE-ISCORE project consists of a delegation of Iowa State students, faculty and staff who attend the NCORE conference annually and then share information gathered at the Iowa State conference the following spring. ISU students present their research at the conference.

*By Mike Ferlazzo*



## **Catt Center Honors Memory of Two Friends**

January marked the passing of two friends of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, Mary Lundby and Virgil Miller.

**Lundby**, a former Republican state lawmaker from suburban Cedar Rapids, was the first and only woman to serve as party floor leader of both the House and Senate in the Iowa Legislature. She spoke at several Catt Center events, including the 2007 Ready to Run campaign school. She is remembered for her independent spirit, collegiality and no-nonsense approach to governing.

Lundby died Jan. 17, 2009, of cervical cancer at the age of 60.

**Miller** retired to Ames in 1986 and was one of the founding members and residents of Green Hills Retirement Community. His daughter, Sharon Rodine, and son-in-law, Richard Rodine, are very involved with the Catt Center. Virgil and his wife, Cheryl, dedicated the Sharon Miller Rodine room in Catt Hall.

Miller passed away peacefully on Jan. 31, 2009, in Scottsdale, AZ, where he and his wife were spending the winter. He was 89.

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## 2008 Catt Prize Supports Seven Scholars Working on Five Research Projects

Five research projects—in the fields of political science, communication and history—have received support through the 2008 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics.

Receiving prizes of \$1,000 each were:



**Valerie Hennings**, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, for

“Learning to Lead: State-Based Political Leadership Programs and Women’s Political Participation.” This dissertation project examines the effects of six state-based leadership programs on the political participation of women and their success in campaigning for state legislative office. Hennings proposes to use the prize money to help fund the travel required to complete her research.

**Jennifer M. Piscopo**, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of Political Science at the University of California, San Diego, for “Do Women Represent Women? Gender and Policy in Argentina.” This dissertation project uses quantitative and qualitative data from Argentina, where women hold more than 35% of congressional seats, to explain why the presence of women alters public policies in the areas of sexual health, domestic violence and equal rights. Piscopo is using the prize money to help defray the costs associated with her fieldwork in Argentina.



*Jennifer Piscopo*

Receiving honorable mention awards of \$500 each were:

**Melody Rose**, chair of the Department of Political Science at Portland State University, and **Regina G. Lawrence**, the Kevin P. Reilly Sr. Chair in Political Communication at Louisiana State University, for “Playing the Gender Card? Media, Strategy, and Hillary Clinton’s Campaign for the White House.”



*Melody Rose*



*Regina Lawrence*

Employing a variety of quantitative and qualitative methods, the book argues that Clinton glided past some of the more obvious forms of media gender bias, but suffered from insidious gender bias, particularly in the context of new media. They plan to use the award to purchase photographs to include in their soon-to-be-published book.

**Michelle M. Taylor-Robinson**, associate professor, and **Maria Escobar-Lemmon**, associate professor, Department of Political Science at Texas A&M University, for “Tokens, Representatives or Players?: Female Cabinet Secretaries in Presidential Democracies.” Their research will produce a book exploring the back-



*Michelle Taylor-Robinson*



*Maria Escobar-Lemmon*

credentials and connections of cabinet ministers in Argentina, Chile, Colombia, Costa Rica and the United States. They plan to use the award to hire an undergraduate research assistant to help collect information for the project.

**Megan Boccardi**, Ph.D. candidate in the Department of History at the University of Missouri-Columbia, for “Remembering the Civil War: Women’s Memorialization in Missouri.” Her dissertation argues that black and white women became political actors through their memorialization of the Civil War. The award will be used to further her research on the political activism of African American women, including travel to national archives as well as local churches and communities in Missouri.



*Megan Boccardi*

Members of the Selection Committee for the 2008 Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics include: Kimberly Conger, David Cunningham, Dirk Deam and Robert Urbatsch, Department of Political Science; Lina Del Castillo, Department of History; and Ana Prokos, Department of Sociology and Women’s Studies, all Iowa State University.

The Carrie Chapman Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics is an annual competition designed to encourage and reward scholars embarking on research in the area of women and politics. The prize includes a \$1,000 cash award for each project selected. Honorable mention prizes of \$500 per project are sometimes given.

Submissions are due on October 1, 2009. For more information, visit our website at: <http://www.las.iastate.edu/CattCenter/cattprize.shtml>.

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## Carly Fiorina Speaks on the Future of Leadership

Former chair and CEO of Hewlett-Packard, Carly Fiorina, shared her opinions on the future of leadership as the Fall 2008 Mary Louise Smith Chair in Women and Politics.

Fiorina – who was also named Fortune magazine’s “Most Powerful Woman in Business” – addressed more than 500 people during her Nov. 17 presentation, titled “Tough Choices: Women, Leadership and Power.”

During the lecture, Fiorina expressed her hope to see more women in leadership positions in the future saying, “Leadership is a human quality, not a male quality or a woman quality, but I think we need more women leaders.” She believes leadership transcends gender.

Fiorina proposed that America should focus on small businesses to create jobs, train workers for the future and lead in innovative industries.

She further explained the need to keep workers ahead of the curve by teaching them new skills. “We cannot choose to simply leave workers behind,” Fiorina said. She emphasized her philosophy of lifelong learning saying, “You are always learning new skills because the world is always changing and moving on.”

Fiorina believes the United States needs to lead with brain power by focusing on innovations in energy, health care and information technology industries. “Choose to lead in the industries that will define this country,” she said.

Fiorina, who reportedly is considering a run for the U.S. Senate in 2010 in California, concluded her presentation by telling the audience that she is optimistic for the future. “I’m as optimistic as I have ever been,” she said. “I see so many leaders all over this country and all over this world – more leaders is always a good thing.”

## Students Graduate from Campaign College

More than 20 students attended the first annual “Campaign College: Iowa State Women to Win,” which was held on January 31, 2009.

Campaign College is the only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and take on leadership roles in other campus organizations. The goal of Campaign College is to give more young women the valuable experience of running for student government or applying for other student leadership positions, as research shows that there is a direct connection between service in student government and future leadership service.

Iowa State University was selected as the site for the first Campaign College pilot program. The program was developed in 2006 by American University’s Women and Politics Institute when they noticed that their student body was 62 percent female, but women made up only 28 percent of the student government. The Institute partnered with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) and Running Start, a non-profit organization dedicated to inspiring young women and girls to run for political office, to bring the training to colleges and universities across the country.

“The Carrie Chapman Catt Center is excited about bringing this program to Iowa State,” said Chris Fowler, student program coordinator. “We believe getting young women involved in politics and leadership at the college level will lead to an increase in women’s leadership and political participation throughout their lives.” At Iowa State, women currently make up 33% of the legislative branch of the Government of the Student Body (GSB), and only 12 women have served as president of the GSB in its 47 years.

The one-day training program focused on basic leadership skills, how to get elected or appointed to a leadership position on campus, the nuts and bolts of running a campaign, responsibilities in office, and how college leadership experiences can help in future education or career aspirations. Although Campaign College is focused on increasing the numbers of young women in leadership positions, the Iowa State program was open to men as well.

The program featured presentations by: Becky Greenwald, 2008 candidate for the U.S. House of Representatives; Gail Ferlazzo, associate director of the Memorial Union and GSB adviser; Annette Hacker, director of News Service; Kate Farrar, director of AAUW’s Leadership and Training Institute in Washington, DC; and student leaders of GSB, VEISHEA, Dance Marathon, Student Alumni Leadership Council and Collegiate Pan-Hellenic Council.

“This program really opened my eyes to all the leadership positions available on campus. I didn’t realize all the opportunities and benefits associated with campus leadership,” said Molly Tracy, junior in anthropology.



*Several participants, speakers and representatives of the AAUW of Ames and the Carrie Chapman Catt Center pose for photo following the campaign simulation.*

## January Celebration Marks Catt's 150<sup>th</sup> Birthday

January 9, 2009, marked the 150<sup>th</sup> birthday of one of Iowa State University's most famous graduates, Carrie Chapman Catt. The Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics, which was founded in her honor in 1992, helped celebrate the occasion with a birthday party on January 27.

The birthday celebration took place in the Sun Room of the Memorial Union. The event also kicked off the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration. More than 75 people from campus and the community attended the party.

The celebration was coordinated by Julie Snyder-Yuly of the Catt Center and Sheena Lara of LAS administration. It featured a 30-minute performance of an excerpt of "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage" by Jane Cox, an Iowa State professor of theater who wrote the play; presentations by Dianne Bystrom, Catt Center director, and Arne Hallam, interim associate dean of LAS; and traditional birthday treats.

Lara and Snyder-Yuly created buttons that will be handed out throughout the year to

honor Catt's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday and legacy at Iowa State University.

"We wanted to mark the occasion of Carrie's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday with a fun event after spring semester classes began," Bystrom said. "Those who attended the party also learned more about Catt's life and legacy through Professor Cox's moving performance."

Catt was born January 9, 1859, in Ripon, WI, and moved with her family to a farm near Charles City, IA, in 1866. She attended Iowa State College from 1877-1880 and earned a Bachelor of Science degree. She was the only woman in her class. In 1921, she became the first woman to give a commencement address at Iowa State. Catt died in her home in New Rochelle, NY, on March 9, 1947.

Catt is best known for leading the "winning plan" that achieved suffrage for women with the passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the U.S. Constitution in 1920. She devoted 33 years of her life working for women's suffrage in the United States and was also active in the international suffrage and peace movements.

## Catt Center Recognizes Staff and Student Achievements

We are pleased to recognize the professional and academic achievements of alumni, staff, supporters and students of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics.

**Dianne Bystrom** (Catt Center Director) will present "Iowa Women and Politics: Pathways and Prospects for State and National Office" April 4 during the annual meeting of the Midwest Political Science Association in Chicago.

**Chris Fowler** (Catt Center Student Program Coordinator) was nominated to be a Wakonse Fellow and attend the Wakonse Conference on College Teaching, which brings together faculty and staff from a variety of colleges to learn from each other and share their experiences.

**Amanda Johnson** (Catt Associate and Legacy of Heroines Scholar) is serving as the Iowa State University Government of the Student Body (GSB) representative for the Ames Main Street Cultural District.

**Maggie Luttrell** (Legacy of Heroines Scholar and GSB Vice President) will be part of the ISU contingency participating in Big XII on the Hill, which travels to Washington, DC, to lobby on higher education issues.

**Alissa Stoehr** (Teaching Assistant for ACT) was the recipient of the 2008 YWCA Graduate Scholarship based on her work with Women's Studies and campus and community activism.

**Julie Snyder-Yuly** (Catt Center Assistant Director) served as a panel chair for the Media Studies group and the Organization for Women and Communication during the Western States Communication Association conference in March in Phoenix, AZ.

**Molly Tracy** (Catt Associate) is serving as the Iowa State University GSB liaison to the Ames City Council.

**Christina Vik** (ACT Peer Mentor) received an exemplary peer mentor award for her work with students in the ACT Learning Community.



Jane Cox performs her one-woman play, "The Yellow Rose of Suffrage," during Catt's 150<sup>th</sup> birthday celebration and the College of Liberal Arts and Sciences 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary kickoff.

## Donors Contribute to Center's Successful Programs

The Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics thanks the following donors for their friendship, support and contributions to its programs, projects, scholarships and activities. With the help of their donations, the Center brought noted guest speakers to the Iowa State campus; provided scholarships, internships and leadership development programs to students; developed the Archives of Women's Political Communication; and built an endowment, which supports the Catt Prize for Research on Women and Politics, the Ready to Run™ Iowa campaign school, and general operations.

The donors listed below made gifts to the Center between July 1, 2007, and December 31, 2008. The Center is transitioning its donor recognition in *Voices* from an academic year to calendar year report. The next donor recognition in *Voices* will appear in Spring 2010 for calendar year 2009 contributions.

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## Bystrom to Speak at Oklahoma State

Dianne Bystrom, director of the Carrie Chapman Catt Center for Women and Politics at Iowa State University, will deliver a lecture on “The New Political Campaign Dialog: The Dynamics of Gender, Race and Age” on Wednesday, March 11, at Oklahoma State University in Stillwater.

“Dr. Bystrom's lecture is very appropriate to our state,” said Dr. Derina Holtzhausen, director of the OSU School of Journalism and Broadcasting. “Last November's election returned fewer women to the Oklahoma Legislature than the prior session and our state now ranks 49th among 50 states in the percentage of women serving in the state legislature. We hope that Dr. Bystrom's work will inspire the young women in the school to become involved in politics and public life.”

Bystrom will also give a presentation at the Women in Communication's brown bag luncheon on “Gender and Candidate Communication: Advertising, Media Coverage, and Websites.”

Bystrom's visit is funded by the Social Science Seminar Series in the College of Arts and Sciences at OSU.